the Government of India has, as a special case, agreed to make a budget provision of Rs.2.00 lakhs in 1975-76 to enable the C.P.W.D. to complete architectural competitions for design and preparation of drawings according to the finally selected design. The question of taking up the actual work of construction of the building will be considered after the design has been finalised.

Resolution III: "The Commission is greatly perturbed over the reported large scale destruction of old public records in several States, notwithstanding the repeated recommendations of the Commission (vide Resolution No.II of 1925, Resolution No. VII of 1942, Resolution No.V of 1943, Resolution VI of 1951) and resolves that a Sub-Committee consisting of five Members of the Commission be constituted to investigate and report to the Standing Committee, within six months, on the following:

(a) the extent to which the above resolutions are being implemented;

(b) the period and the nature of records destroyed during the last two years;

(c) the qualifications and suitability of the staff engaged on appraisal of old records; and

(d) the steps which can be taken immediately to ensure to preservation of records of permanent value.

2. The Commission also recommends to the State Governments that no pre-1947 records be destroyed till the said Committee has submitted its report".

In pursuance of the Resolution the Government of India set up the Committee on Record Management consisting of the following members:-

1.	Dr. B.P.Saksena	Chairman	Retired professor of History, Allahabad University.

2.	Dr. P.M.Joshi	Member	Ex-Director of Archives, Government of Bombay.
3.	Thiru C.Badrinath	"	Commissioner of Tamil Nadu Archives and Historical Research.
4.	Sh. A.T.Govinderajan	"	Deputy Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Department of Administrative Reforms).
5.	Dr. S.V.Desikachar	"	Director, State Archives of Karnataka.
6.	Sh. S.A.I.Tirmizi	Member Secretary	Deputy Director, National Archives of India.

Consequent upon the transfer of Thiru Badrinath, Thiru L.M.Vasagam who assumed charge of that post on 24.5.1975 was appointed as a member of the Record Management Committee by the Government of India in his place.

The first meeting of the Committee was held on 7th May 1975 when the modus operandi for the task to be accomplished was chalked out and a draft questionnaire prepared by the Secretary was approved. At the second meeting was held on the 23 July, 1975 and the statistical analysis of the data received from some of the State Governments/Union Territories were examined.

This analysis revealed that the information received was full of gaps and other lacunae. It was therefore decided that the Committee should examine the records on the spot and hold discussions with administrators/historians/archivists. The Committee also finalized its itinerary for visiting of States/Union Territories.

subsequently.

The Committee visited the following States/Union Territories/Central Agencies as detailed below:

Zone	State/Union Territories	Place
Northern Zone	Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir	Chandigarh, Patiala, Srinagar
Central Zone	Delhi Administration, Uttar Pradesh	Delhi Lucknow
	Rajasthan	Jaipur, Bikaner
	National Archives of India	New Delhi
Western Zone	Maharashtra	Bombay
	Goa	Panaji
	Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar
Southern Zone	Kerala	Trivendrum
	Tamil Nadu	Madras
	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
	Karnataka	Bangalore Mysore.
	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
Eastern Zone	Assam	Gauhati, Shillong
	West Bengal	Calcutta
	Bihar	Patna

During this tour the Committee recorded the evidence of more than eminent historians, archivists and administrators besides holding discussions with the representatives of the Govts. concerned. Thirty tapes were utilized for this purpose. All these tapes have been transcribed and the cyclostyled copies of the evidence sent to the Members.

The Committee is now engaged in finalizing the report for submission to the Government of India by the

end of February 76 as scheduled.

Resolution IV: "Resolved that every effort should be made to reactivise the Regional Records Survey Committees by seeking as far as possible the assistance of the Indian Council of Historical Research and the University Grants Commission through the Universities already represented on the different Regional Records Survey Committees."

Karnataka: The Government has been moved to recontitute the the Regional Records Survey Committees in the State.

Gujarat: Most of the members of the Regional Records Survey Committee represent the various Universities of this State. However the Resolution will be discussed in the next meeting of the Committee and possibilities for seeking assistance of the Indian Council of Historical Research and University Grants Commission will be explored.

Punjab: No Regional Records Survey Committee has been constituted by the State Government due to lack of funds. Assistance of the Indian Council of Historical Research and University Grants Commission will be taken as soon as the above Committee is constituted.

Tamil Nadu: The Regional Records Survey Committee is not in existence in this State. The Resolution will be kept in view as and when the Committee is constituted.

Resolution V: "Resolved that a Committee consisting of five to six Members be appointed to study the implementation of the 'Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972' and to make recommendations for enacting legislation regarding records of national importance, which may be less than 75 years old."

In pursuance of the Resolution a Committee was formed by the Government of India consisting of the following:-